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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN ALL HICKORY CHURCHES

Appropriate Musical Programs Arranged for Sunday Services--Exercises Begin This Afternoon When and Where Services Will Be Held in Churches Here

Beginning this afternoon at 4 o'clock the church of the Ascension, an appropriate Christmas exercise and musical program will feature the week-end night services will be held at this church tonight and on Sunday the Rev. Mr. Young will preach at 10:30, instead of 11 o'clock.

Many people tomorrow will dispense good cheer. A feature will be the treat for the children by Mr. Marshall Young, who will give all the children of the community candy and fruit. The place is the Calvary frat store.

The fall has been remarkably successful for Hickory people, and all will feel like entering into the festivities of Christmas as never before. Practically all business places will be closed, and the sacred day will pass quietly here.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church yesterday sent off a fine lot for a class of 35 boys at the Thomasville orphanage, and the Methodist Sunday school has remembered the children at the home in Winston-Salem. The children of the Baptist Sunday school will have their exercises Sunday.

Special Christmas music will be rendered at the churches and the choir leaders have prepared appropriate programs for both morning and evening services. Two churches will hold Christmas services Christmas morning--the Trinity Lutheran Evangelical and the First Baptist.

Episcopal Church
This afternoon at 4 o'clock a Christmas tree will be given at the Church of the Ascension, and Friday night midnight services, beginning at 11:45 will be held. On Sunday Rev. Mr. Stroup, the rector, will preach at 10:30 a. m. Special music will be rendered.

First Baptist
The teachers in the First Baptist Sunday school will entertain their classes in their own way and on Sunday exercises will be held by the children.

Ho's Trinity Lutheran
The children of Ho's Trinity Lutheran Sunday school will be given a Christmas tree Saturday evening at 7 o'clock and on Christmas (Saturday) morning at 6 o'clock the regular Christmas services will be held.

First Methodist
Exercises by the primary department of the Methodist Sunday school will be held Sunday evening at seven o'clock, and treats will be given the little ones.

Lenoir College Chapel
Exercises will be held at St. Andrew's Lutheran church this evening at 6 o'clock.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran
A Christmas tree, songs and recitations by the children this evening at 7 o'clock is the program for Christ Evangelical Lutheran church.

West Hickory Baptist
Christmas exercises and sermon will be held at West Hickory Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 7 o'clock.

St. Paul's Lutheran
Christmas exercises and a "Christmas Day Again" will be held at 10:30 Saturday morning at St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Fourth Reformed
A Christmas tree and appropriate exercises will be held at the Reformed church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The annual services will be held Saturday morning at 6 o'clock.

First Presbyterian
This afternoon at 6:30 the children of the First Presbyterian Sunday school will hold their annual exercises.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Newton, Dec. 24.—The following deeds have been filed for recording: To A. V. Shuford, J. C. Shuford, Jr. and Mrs. A. V. Shuford, G. H. Gaither and other executors of the estate of A. A. Shuford, W. B. Gaither and wife to George Moore one lot on C. & N. W. Railway. Charlie McLellan and wife to E. J. Wilson, a lot in Snow Hill. A. A. Miller to Farmers Union Warehouse Company, two lots in Hickory. A. A. Shuford, Jr., to Highland Cordage Company, consideration is \$1,700.

W. E. Plummer and wife to Robert Ransom, lot in Hickory, consideration \$2,250.

J. Q. Deal to R. H. Edmiston lot in Hickory, consideration \$1,000.

F. M. Elrod to George W. Starns lot in Hickory, \$900.

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HUNGARY STOPS EXPORTS TO AUSTRIA

(By Associated Press.)
Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 24.—All efforts to prevent the extortionate prices of foodstuffs in Hungary have now failed, the government has now determined to prohibit entirely the export, even to Austria, of any articles of food which are scarce, and has also fixed maximum prices that are to be imposed throughout Hungary, according to reliable advices received here. Local authorities are to be empowered to seize with military force all stocks of grain and other provisions that are being kept back for higher prices.

Although Hungary is essentially an agricultural country, the prices of flour and daily products, as well as meat, are much higher than in industrial Germany. The landowners and farmers who control the parliament in Budapest, have used the utmost influence to prevent the importation of cheap foods from abroad, prior to the war, by insisting upon the maintenance of the high protective duty.

Undertaken by the government, Hungarian producers and dealers have been charging exorbitant prices, until the patience of the government, press, and public alike have become exhausted. Under the new arrangement, every possible effort will be made to bring down the cost of meat and foodstuffs from abroad, while the export of these, together with eggs and dairy products, will be stopped. Nothing will be left undone to increase the producing capacity of the country. Manufacturers, such as distilleries, breweries, and oil refineries, whose by-products yield cattle foods, must now be run so as to produce the utmost quantities of products.

For those in charge of the "Reconstruction of Connections between the Armies and Home" the task has grown with each kilometer that the Germans have won from the Russians. Prior to the fall of Warsaw there were approximately 1045 kilometers (655 miles) of roads to be repaired by the Russians retreated to Brest Litovsk, and then abandoned that fortress, the mileage increased to 5440 kilometers (3400 miles) and the difficulty involved grew greater with each additional mile.

The Germans found, on their arrival, a few so-called "imperial roads" which were, for the most part, strips of sand. From the inhabitants, or such of them as remained, they learned that taxes for the upkeep of the thoroughfares had been collected over and over and never spent for the purpose intended. A second class of roads, the so-called government roads, were all but impassable, and the third variety consisted of roads that not only were impassable but impossible. All three sorts were torn by shells, cut by trenches, and rutted by both Russian and German wagons bound for the front.

The Germans in charge of road rebuilding claim that they never have had any word as to the ultimate intention of their government with respect to Poland—that their work has gone on irrespective of any intention to annex the ancient kingdom, and that the work has been done purely as a sort of philanthropic measure, and that it will stand as a heritage for those who may in the future govern Poland. That it has been thoroughly done however, is attested to by the fact that between 30,000 and 35,000 laborers have been employed in the various sections of Poland. Moreover, these men are Poles, thrown out of their ordinary occupation by a shortage of raw materials.

Throughout the length and breadth of Poland the sand stretches are being bolstered up with wood and stone, and 710,000 cubic meters of material have been used thus far in making passable roads, even in districts where no military need for them exists.

For instance, a road 75 kilometers in length has been built to the south of Lodz, where there have been no armaments for months, and where there is no immediate prospect of a need for "military" work continues, and a contrast between the old and new order of things—easily obtainable in the course of a ride outside of Lodz—gives a glimpse of the constructive efforts of the Germans.

The population in general has proven thankful for what has been accomplished—additionally so because thousands of its men and women have received employment in the reconstruction of the Polish roads, and that in this way been saved from starvation that otherwise stared them in the face.

It is peculiar that the women, rather than the men, have done the most toward rehabilitating their own country. They, men and women children have proved themselves industrious workers for the reconstruction of Poland, rather than the men with a few exceptions have had to be driven and have never overcome their suspicion of the Germans. This suspicion, it is assumed, is founded on generations of experience of Russian domination. The men, rather than work, offer bribes to the Germans, as they used to offer them to the Russians, and then appear utterly dumfounded when the bribes are not accepted and they are confronted with the alternative of working or starving.

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UNITED STATES LARGEST CROWD ASK ABOUT SINKING IN HICKORY TO DAY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—An inquiry into the sinking of the Japanese liner Yuseka Maru by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean will be made by the state department.

Further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary will result, it is said, if official reports confirm press dispatches that the liner was sunk without warning.

WRECKS TELEPHONE LINES

New Bern, Dec. 24.—Between 200 and 300 telephone and telegraph poles were broken down by the storm which raged in this section of the state night before last and since early yesterday morning the telephone and telegraph companies have had large gangs of men out repairing the broken wires and putting up new poles.

The local telephone company suffered the most on its line between New Bern and Beaufort. At one point or a distance of four miles, practically every one of its poles were down and the wires were in a tangled mass. The first long-distance message sent out from New Bern since Monday night went over the line this morning when the telephone company got a wire open to Henderson.

ENGLISH COMMANDERS KNOW LITTLE FRENCH

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 24.—English shortcomings in the matter of linguistic ability are the subject of an amusing editorial in the Frankfurter Zeitung. In Flanders, it says, "the English general staff and the English commanding officers have a little knowledge of French as the French general staff have of English." It adds: "At a recent conference of allied ministers in Paris, this barrier of language caused the greatest difficulty. The dictionary played the chief part in the conference, and the four English ministers who went to Paris—Asquith, Lloyd-George, Balfour and Grey—only the first is in a position to speak a few French words in a fairly intelligible English accent. Mr. Asquith can manage at need to utter a single French word intelligibly. Sir Edward Grey is much too proud to learn any other language than his own. So in all the diplomatic business between Paris and London the Anglo-French dictionary plays a leading role."

AUSTRIA SURE OF FRIENDLY ENDING

Vienna, December 24.—In all quarters the conviction is now entertained that the differences which arose with the United States from the Ancona incident are susceptible to amicable settlement.

SCHOOL ENJOYS A CHRISTMAS TREAT

The school at Cloninger's school house, five miles North of Hickory, is taught by Mr. A. S. Miller as principal. He is ably assisted by Miss Lula Williams of Hickory.

They have a new house, containing two large rooms, well lighted, heated and ventilated. The house also has a front porch, and is well located, near a sand clay road.

Yesterday, Thursday the school closed for Christmas. The parents were invited. The main object being to enlist the district in the interest of moonlight schools, to teach those who can't read and write, and to aid others who might want to review. The exercises were in the evening. After taking pictures of the house and the school, the bright pupils, 47 in all, were marched into the house. After singing America, the principal explained the object of the meeting, hoping the illiteracy of this county and those joining us, as well as that of others in the state. He read what the governor said about moonlight schools. Miss Lula Williams read what Mr. Joyner, state superintendent, had to say.

Prof. S. A. Huss, principal of Highland graded school, was called on. He discussed education in a general way, and then showed that parents had to educate their children now in self-defense, and the public school as all that a majority would ever get. Hence, we need longer terms and higher studies.

On closing, he introduced J. F. Click, who in a few words spoke of teachers, pupils and schools in a practical way. After which, the school received a treat of candies, nuts, etc., and all went home happy.

There were several fathers and mothers present. That is a beautiful country, good homes, and good farmers. And they are as worthy of a good school as any section, and they have it, and will see that they have one of the best.

CRAIG LIVING HIGH

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—Governor Craig and the members of his family will spend the Christmas holidays at a treat of three turkeys for the Christmas dinner. The biggest one came from his old friend, Dan Hill of Asheville, who is famous as a raiser of monster turkeys. The governor says he is tempted to weigh this turkey but it is too big to scale that could record its weight. Besides the turkeys there has come to the mansion from the friends of the governor packages of sausage, celery and a great variety of good things to eat.

HEAVY GOLD DEPOSITS

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Bank of France announced that gold deposits for the last week amounted to more than 30,000,000 francs.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight, Saturday. Probably rain. Moderate variable winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

	December 23.—	1915	1914
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By far the largest number of holiday shoppers to visit Hickory was on hand today, and by afternoon congestion was great on Main street. It was a jolly company that rushed to Hickory to make holiday selections, and all the stores were liberally patronized.

The trains were late today due to the holiday travel and schedules will not be maintained until after the new year, it is said. Many Hickory people went away today to spend Christmas with relatives and friends, and many former Catawba citizens returned home to bask in the hospitality of Hickory and Catawba people.

Everywhere was preparation for Christmas, but nowhere was it more marked than in the stores. One might see the young man with his girl. He was selecting her a piece of jewelry. And again one might observe a young man and his sister making the rounds, the "outh" probably looking for a suitable gift for some other young man's sister, and his own sister not so enthusiastic. And the onlooker would stake his life on the lover's success.

Merchants were delivering packages by the hundreds and letter carriers were laden with bundles which had come in from other points. It was apparent that Christmas would be observed properly in Catawba county this year.

According to ex-Governor Hadley, the way for the Republicans to win is to forget the past and work shoulder to shoulder for victory. But the Republican party's glorious record is all in the past. How can they forget that?—Kansas City Journal.

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CHRISTMAS TRUCE NOW NOT LIKELY IN BIG WAR

Indications on Nearly Every Front—Russians Report Success in Galicia, While French and Germans Dispute Claims.

HENRY FORD IS BOUND FOR U. S.

Christiana, Norway, Dec. 24.—The Norwegian liner Bergensfjord, with Henry Ford on board, sailed for New York this morning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace activities would continue under the auspices of the Woman's International Peace Society.

The Rev. Marquis James of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, also sailed with Henry Ford from Christiana, Norway for New York today.

LIBERTY OF THOUGHT WINS NOTABLE VICTORY

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 24.—A victory for liberty of thought was achieved when the Salford council by a three to one majority refused to countenance an attack made on a teacher in the technical school, named Hudson. It was held that the teacher's private views did not in the least interfere with the efficient discharge of his duties even if his views, as an extreme pacifist, were unpopular.

"If he were a flat-earth" comments the Manchester Guardian, "we could understand people wanting to get him out of a secondary school, for that heresy might infect the quality of his scientific teaching; we cannot see, however, why his views on conscription should, or for that matter how they could."

It was not charged that Mr. Hudson preached against conscription before his pupils. Hudson also denied that he had conducted any propaganda against recruiting. His own opinions were based on religious and conscientious grounds.

SALOON ISSUE MADE AND LOST BY KNIGHT

(By Associated Press.)
London Dec. 24.—One of the side-shows in British politics has been the violation of the political truce by a candidate contesting a seat in parliament on the single issue of the saloon.

Reynold Knight, whose defeat was early foreseen, did not fight so much as champion of the open saloon as for the liberties which he claimed went with the open saloon. Liberty, freedom, self-respect, self-reliance and the right of the social habits of the people to live were his watchwords. Even the beer and distilling trade was not responsible for Knight's candidacy. It did not even endorse him. Knight himself had the name of being a sincere and a rather simple hearted man, with a good record for usefulness in public life.

When the board of control curtailed the liquor hours of the Cleveland parliamentary division in Yorkshire, the miners were inclined to take it as a personal affront. Some of the union officials denounced it as class legislation. Knight was quick to take advantage of this discontent and announced himself as candidate for the seat, which chanced to become vacant at this time.

Opposition knight was Herbert Samuel, M. P., the postmaster general, who under the compromise made between the regular parties when the coalition cabinet was formed, should have retained his place without a contest. Samuel's victory was easy.

SOME QUESTION ABOUT NUMBER OF TRUSTIES

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—The scope and effect of the order by Governor Craig authorizing the authorities of the state and county prisons and convict camps to release the "trusties" for three days during Christmas week to go to their homes at whatever else they please is a matter of considerable difference of opinion. With no definite figures before him, the governor thinks that not over 500 convicts will get liberty through this order.

State Warden T. P. Sale of the state's prison estimates the number at much less than this. For instance there are 109 convicts in the central prison at Raleigh and of this number only one is a "trusty" in the sense that he could be permitted to go alone beyond prison bounds.

In regard to this lone "trusty," it is interesting that he has stated he is unable to avail himself of this Christmas holiday trip, because he has neither the money nor the citizen's clothes for such an outing.

There are about 40 counties in the state that maintain their own convict camps, principally for road construction. It is thought that the average number of "trusties" to a county is nearly more than six to ten. Altogether, probably a round 500 may be paroled for this Christmas holiday.

Love is one of the things most of us fall for.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 24.—Many isolated engagements of various fronts have upset predictions of a universal Christmas truce. Nothing of great importance has taken place on any of the fronts.

In Galicia the Russians report success against the Austrians at Trambowla, where there has been indication recently that the Austrians and Germans are seeking to strengthen their lines. Although no activity is reported on the Mesopotamian front, the Russians are advancing to link their forces with their British allies.

On the Hartmanns-Weilerhoff, the French claim to maintain their gains on a line of one mile, but admit their left has been compelled to fall back. The Germans contend that they hold the summit and have many prisoners.

Special dispatches from Athens say the Bulgarians are preparing to invade Greek territory in an effort to displace the allies. The entente forces are being strengthened and claim there is no danger from the same.

Parliament adjourned without receiving the figure concerning the Early of Derby's recruiting plans, but on reassembling after the holidays, the members will have the facts in regard to whether conscription is necessary.

The Greek public's uneasiness over the possibility of an early extension of German operations to Greek territory increases hourly and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that parliament as soon as it meets will declare martial law in order to muzzle the opposition press which has been mercilessly attacking the government.

A Reuter dispatch from Athens says Germany is reported to have informed Greece that she hopes to reach Saloniki by January 15, promising at the same time to evacuate Greek territory as soon as the task is finished.

Greek correspondents of the Paris newspapers declare that the Teutonic allies have decided that Austria shall have the initiative in all the offensive movements in the Balkans, and reports also are published in Paris that the Austrians are actually marching on Saloniki.

Scot at German Offensive.
The British correspondents at Saloniki scoff at the reports of an early German offensive, however, declaring their conviction that the lull is likely to persist for some time longer.

The Saloniki correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company says that military men there believe the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians will establish a screen parallel to the Greek border, taking up strong positions in the Macedonia defiles, there to await an offensive movement by the entente powers.

Geneva dispatches speak convincingly of German preparations for an attack on the Suez Canal which is now timed for the end of January but the British press continues to declare that the defensive preparations would make any attack on that territory folly.

The Turkish official communication today comes from the "northern front" this being the first reference of the kind.

From Russia come reports that the Germans and Russians alike are making energetic preparations for new operations early in the new year.

APPEAL FOR MITCHELL

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—"Mitchell's Peak and Doctor Mitchell" is the title of a handsomely printed booklet of 23 pages from the pen of Governor Craig just from the presses of the state printers. It is issued to further the movement for a substantial subscription for assuring the success of the plan for converting Mount Mitchell into a state park and public park and for the erection of a suitable monument to Elisha Mitchell.

GOOD COLLECTIONS REPORTED BY SHERIFF

Newton, Dec. 24.—With the certainty of being penalized at the rate of one per cent the month after January 1, taxpayers have been sending a steady stream of cash into the coffers of the county this week. Sheriff Isenhour has collected \$45,000 of the total of \$106,000 given him for collection for 1915. Payments were never easier than they have been this year, and there is ample money on hand to meet current bills, including \$6,000 due the teachers for the month. The sheriff has sent the state treasurer \$10,000.

Wednesday morning about 7:30 just as the sun opened up for business, a slight shower fell here, freezing as soon as it hit the pavements and a vivid rainbow appeared in the west—a sight so unusual at the time of day that many noticed it.

Another case of smallpox has appeared in the northern part of town, the victim being Foreman Ramsey of one of the cotton mills. The disease, quite common for some time in parts of the county, is of a very mild form and no deaths have occurred.